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From: Huetteman, Tom
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Subject: Fwd: LA Times: Exide battery recycler to close under agreement with U.S. attorney

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Subject: Re: LA Times: Exide battery recycler to close under agreement with U.S. attorney

Thanks Tom.

This was a surprise to us and disappointing . just found out about it late yesterday.

We just posted our release as well

Sent from my mobile device.

On Mar 12, 2015, at 8:31 AM, Huetteman, Tom <Huetteman.Tom@epa.gov> wrote:

This is the first we are learning about this. The criminal side doesn't share what they are doing.

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Exide battery recycler to close under agreement with U.S. attorney

By TONY BARBOZA

Battery recycler Exide Technologies will permanently close its Vernon plant and will not face criminal charges under an agreement reached Wednesday night with the U.S. attorney's office.

Under the deal, Exide will acknowledge the illegal storage and transportation of hazardous waste, but will avoid criminal prosecution in exchange for shutting down, demolishing and cleaning its 15-acre battery recycling plant, which is about five miles southeast of Los Angeles, according to a person involved in the negotiations.

The facility has stoked outrage among community groups and elected officials for its long history of violating air pollution and hazardous waste laws.

Exide will be held to an agreement made last fall with state regulators that

requires the company to set aside \$38.6 million for closure and cleanup of the facility and place \$9 million in a trust fund to clean lead-tainted soil from surrounding homes.

Those payments will be expedited under the agreement with federal officials

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-exide-plant-to-close-20150311-story.html>

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